

Kin-Buc dump fate to be decided today

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EDISON — Agreement on a date for closing the controversial Kin-Buc Inc. landfill was expected to be announced before a Public Utilities Commission hearing examiner today in Newark.

Federal, state and local officials met with Kin-Buc's attorney and engineers in an all-day session to hammer out the terms of the agreement.

The terms were not divulged yesterday, nor in fact would officials confirm they had reached accord. However, one engineer participating in the talks was heard to have said, "We agreed on a settlement."

Beatrice Tylutki, the director of Solid Waste Management for the state Department of Environmental Protection, would only say she believed something was accomplished during the talks. Edison officials continued discussion of the matter in executive session last night.

Theodore O'Neill, director of the Middlesex County Solid Waste Management Program, said prior to the discussions that he believed too many deals had been made in the long-term confrontations between the DEP and Kin-Buc.

He said he was upset by Tuesday's hallway discussion reserved for Theodore Schwartz, Kin-Buc's attorney, and John Van Dalen, the deputy attorney general representing DEP.

That discussion took place during a recess called early in the first day of the hearings before the DEP and PUC. Following that discussion, Schwartz recommended Kin-Buc be phased out over six months while Van Dalen contended it should be closed to accepting refuse within 30 days.

Lawyers and engineers representing the two state agencies in addition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Middlesex County and Edison Township inspected the grounds of the 40-acre landfill yesterday morning.

Schwartz contends it would take six months to create the proper slopes and grades required prior to closing the landfill. Engineers representing the other groups got a chance to judge for themselves yesterday.

Henry Gluckstern, an attorney with EPA, said prior to yesterday's discussions that whatever Schwartz planned to propose during those talks, could affect litigation pending with the EPA.

He said he was hopeful for an "amicable agreement."

Four residents, who were not invited on the tour, also went to the landfill yesterday morning. The mothers of young children said they belonged to no local group but wanted the officials to know there was opposition to this landfill.

Kin-Buc also has pending before the state plans for an adjacent landfill and for a chemical waste treatment center which have received preliminary approval from

DEP. Kin-Buc had planned to close the existing landfill on Meadow Road when it received approval for the new operation.

The landfill has been closed since July to accepting liquids and chemicals, in an agreement with DEP. However, Miss Tylutki said yesterday the DEP is reviewing a complaint that Kin-Buc had violated that agreement.



LANDFILL TOUR — Government officials interested in closing the Kin-Buc Inc. landfill in Edison inspected the grounds yesterday morning prior to an afternoon discussion aimed at setting a closing date. Beatrice Tylutki, DEP director of solid waste administration, talks with Theodore Schwartz, attorney for Kin-Buc at the start of the tour.

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